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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of State

The Secretary of the Treasury

The Secretary of Defense

The Secretary of Interior

The Secretary of Commerce

The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare

The Secretary of Energy

The President's Advisor on Science and Technology

Director, International Communications Agency

SUBJECT:

Preparations for Vice President Mondale's Visit to the People's Republic of China (U)

The President has instructed that the following actions be taken in preparation for the Vice President's visit to the PRC August 25-September 1:

-- Opening of Consulates. State should expedite negotiations -- including resolution of the questions of office and housing space -- for opening U.S. Consulates General in Shanghai and Guangzhou and Chinese Consulates General in San Francisco and Houston. Negotiations should be complete in time for the Vice President to open formally the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou during his stop there. A report on the progress of the negotiations should be forwarded to the President by August 3. (C)

-- Civil Aviation Agreement. State, coordinating with DOT, NSC, and the Domestic Policy Staff of the White House, should expedite negotiations with the PRC to conclude a civil aviation agreement during the Vice President's visit and prepare for any necessary adjustments in formal aviation arrangements with Taiwan. A report on the progress of the negotiations and Presidential decisions that may be required to move the negotiations to completion should be forwarded to the President by August 3.

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-- Hydroelectric Power. The PRC (China S&T) Working Group on Hydroelectric Power should prepare by August 3 a draft implementing agreement for long term bilateral cooperation in this area. By July 30, the Secretary of State should submit to the President his recommendations on how we will assure that government agencies are empowered to provide reimbursable technical assistance to China. These recommendations should reflect the views of the agencies affected. (C)

-- Cultural Exchanges. ICA, consulting with NEA, NEH, Smithsonian Institute, and the Library of Congress, should prepare by August 3 and submit to the President a plan for expanded cultural exchanges under the cultural agreement with the PRC. Embassy Beijing should be instructed to obtain Chinese concurrence for an agreement to be concluded during the Vice President's visit.

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